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Madam/Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 22, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely and a certified English translation of the 2002-203119 application to support the claim for the benefit of foreign priority.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.